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AMENDMENT

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed April 17, 2001, having a reply due date of July 17, 2001. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks below.

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

(A version of these amendments with markings to show the changes is attached to this paper as a separate appendix.)

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A process for enhancing immune response of a dog or cat, said process comprising the step of feeding said animal a diet containing from about 1 to about 50 mg/day of lutein for a time sufficient for said lutein to be absorbed by said animal.

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